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My dear Mr. Murphy:


This is to acknowledge your letter of 19 January 1954 in which you suggest that this Agency consider undertaking a project for the preparation of maps of certain areas in the Antarctic. I appreciate the importance of the work being accomplished by the Ad Hoc Committee and the Informal Group on Antarctica and am pleased that a member of this Agency has been able to contribute to this effort.

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I am advised that the proposed maps are desired on a moderately large scale and would be compiled from aerial photography covering an extensive area of the coastline. Our map-making unit is not equipped to do this type of compilation and, if the proposed project is in fact of this character, it would have to be undertaken on a contractual basis.

Your request is being reviewed by appropriate officers within the Agency together with members of the two inter-agency bodies. Upon completion of this review, I shall be glad to inform you whether or not this Agency can be of assistance in the preparation of these maps.

State Department review completed

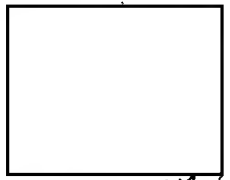
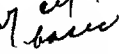
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Allen D. Dulles
Director

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Mr. Robert Murphy
Deputy Under Secretary
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Murphy:

This is to acknowledge your letter of 19 February 1954 in which you suggest that this Agency consider undertaking a project which would require the preparation of maps of certain areas in the Antarctic. I appreciate the importance of the work being accomplished by the Ad Hoc Committee and the Technical Group on Antarctica and am pleased that a member of this Agency has been able to contribute to this effort.

I am advised that the proposed maps are desired at a moderately large scale and would be compiled from partially controlled aerial photography covering an extensive area of the coastline. Our map-making unit is not equipped or staffed to do this type of compilation and, if the proposed project is in fact of this character, it would have to be undertaken on a contractual basis.

Your request has been referred to appropriate officers within the Agency who are reviewing the proposal with members of the two inter-agency bodies. Upon completion of this review, I shall inform you whether or not this Agency can be of assistance in the preparation of these maps.

Concur:

Robert Amory, Jr.

Deputy Director/Intelligence

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Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles

Director

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My dear Mr. Dulles:

It has come to the attention of the Department of State, in connection with the inter-agency study of certain Antarctic problems, that the facilities of the Central Intelligence Agency might be available for the preparation of certain Antarctic maps.

It will be recalled that two inter-agency bodies were organized last year--the Ad Hoc Committee on Antarctica, for the consideration of policy questions, and the Technical Group on Antarctica, for the study of past United States activities in the region. As indicated in the summaries of the seventh and eighth meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee (October 1953), it and the Technical Group were agreed upon the importance of the production of maps from the data obtained by United States expeditions in the Antarctic. The production of a comprehensive map of the Antarctic, using data obtained by our post-war expeditions, is not considered possible for technical reasons. However, it is understood that useful maps of certain areas might be produced, based on information already available but never yet published in map form.

It is the opinion of this Department that the publication of any such maps would be beneficial in preserving United States rights in the Antarctic.

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The Honorable
Allen W. Dulles,
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If, in addition, a decision is made in the near future to announce an official United States claim in the Antarctic, the appearance of a new American map of the area would lend timely support to our action.

If your Agency is able to undertake a project of this kind, I suggest that the work be begun as soon as possible, in coordination with the other activities of the two inter-agency committees mentioned above.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Murphy
Robert Murphy
Deputy Under Secretary

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